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Understanding cables

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Reference ID	Created	Released	Classification	Origin
08RIYADH732	2008-05-07 17:53	2011-08-30 01:44	CONFIDENTIAL	Embassy Riyadh

Appears in these articles:

<http://www.mcclatchydc.com/2011/05/25/114759/wikileaks-saudis-often-warned.html>

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Summary

1. (C) In a May 6 meeting with Assistant Minister of Petroleum (MinPet) Prince Abdulaziz bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud, he outlined the Mir

"Refining Margins Shocked," Refining Utilization Falling

2. (C) Queried about Monday's record surge in crude prices to above \$120/barrel, Prince Abdulaziz noted, "We are extremely worried about demar

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3. (C) Prince Abdulaziz dis-missed speculation that King Abdullah's press statements last week on Saudi Arabia planning to cap production cap
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we do. If we announce new capacity, we budget for it, we allocate for it, we acquire rigs, we have timelines. We don't have pipedreams, if we n

Anti-OPEC Lawsuits and NOPEC Updates

4. (C) On the issue of pending lawsuits against Saudi Aramco and the national oil companies of other OPEC member and oil producing nations, Pr
--the lawsuits had been successfully consolidated into one court in Texas;
--Saudi Arabia had worked with most other OPEC nations to file amicus briefs with the court.
--To Iran's offer to file an amicus brief, Saudi Arabia had said, "thanks, but no thanks," recognizing it probably would not be helpful in a U.
--The Mexicans and Russians would also file amicus briefs.
--The Norwegians also now have a case filed against them in Florida, so are reluctant to file an amicus brief.
Prince Abdulaziz believes the Departments of State and Justice seem to be coming around to filing a Statement of Interest (SOI) on behalf of th

5. (C) Prince Abdulaziz indicated that if NOPEC had the strength to pass it would have done so already, but it hasn't, in large part he felt c

Comment

6. (C) Prince Abdulaziz seemed more comfortable with the state of play in the anti-OPEC lawsuits, his considerable earlier anxiety much dimini